have been allocated in the Annual Plan of the Ministry for 2005-2006 under the Sports Infrastructure Schemes. All the State Governments and AIU were suitably informed. Subsequently, AIU has informed that tournaments will be conducted out of registration fee to be collected from the participants.

(c) in view of (a) above, 'Sports' being a State subject under the constitution, State Governments have to create Sports Infrastructure out of their own resources. For conducting National/International tournaments and participating in International competitions abroad, the Ministry is presently providing central assistance in accordance with the approved pattern to the recognized National Sports Federations under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. Sports Authority of India is also implementing schemes for promotion of sports namely (i) National Sports talent Contest; (ii) Army boys Sports Company; (iii) Special Area Games; (iv) SAI Traininng Centres; and (v) Centres for Excellence.

Construction of sports complexes in Maharashtra

1040. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy to develop or construct sports complexes in the country according to the census;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to construct modern sports complexes as well as sports infrastructure in various districts of Maharashtra for the promotion of various sports activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) 'Sports' is a 'State' Subject under the Constitution. It is, primarily, the responsibility of the State Government to create basic sports infrastructure including sports complexes. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Governments including Maharashtra for creation of various sports facilities in this direction by providing Central assistance for creation of various sports facilities under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government. The Sports Infrastructure schemes have been transferred to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and all

State Governments were informed accordingly in February, 2005. No funds have been allocated in the Budget for 2005-06 for sports infrastructure schemes. Thus, fresh proposals for the Sports infrastructure projects have to be funded by the State Governments out of their own resources.

Promotion of S&T

1041. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any new measures for the promotion of research in science and technology by bringing huge investment in this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of research which have been found useful and cost effective in various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A substantial increase, more than double the 9th plan outlay, in the tenth plan outlay for S & T Departments is a clear indication of the commitment of the Government to the overall development of science and technology in the country. Government has taken a number of initiatives for the promotion of research in science and technology in the country. During the 10th Five Year Plan, the Government has focused on generating relevant innovative technologies; preserving, protecting and adding value to indigenous resources; adopting an appropriate mix of traditional, conventional and modern technologies; developing and nurturing human resource; strengthening basic research in the areas of frontline science and engineering and; promoting S&T interventions in major socio-economic Ministries and States so as to make them real stake holders of S&T. The support to research is enhanced through S&T mission mode programmes, establishment of new research centres of excellence, international collaborative projects, strengthening of R&D infrastructure in academic institutions and research labs, institution of prestigious fellowships like Swarnajayanti Fellowship for outstanding Young Scientists, Ramanna Fellowship for performing scientists, Shyama Prasad mukherjee Fellowship for Young Scientists, Ramanujam Fellowships to attract outstanding scientists and engineers from all over the world to take up scientific research in our country, J.C. Bose Fellowships to recognize and support active, performing Indian scientists and engineers. Major new initiatives are: National Biotechnology Strategy; Nano Science